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SUBJECT: MORO'S NAC PRESENTATION

1. IN DECEMBER 3 CONVERSATION, MFA NATO OFFICE CHIEF (DA RIN) OUTLINED TO EMBOFF HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESENTATION FOR UPCOMING MINISTERIAL THAT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR FOREIGN MINISTER MORO. IF APPROVED BY MORO INTERVENTION WOULD: (A) REVIEW EFFECTS OF RECENT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT ON NATO SOLIDARITY IN NON-RECRIMINATORY WAY, BUT SUGGEST CLOSER CONSULTATIONS BY ALL PARTIES IN FUTURE SUCH CRISES AND MAKE POINT THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS COULD MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMELIORATION OF CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION; (B) WELCOME PROGRESS TOWARDS EAST-WEST DETENTE IMPLICIT IN OPENING OF CSCE AND MBFR NEGOTIATIONS; AND (C) STRESS THAT MOVEMENT TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNITY MUST NOT BE AT EXPENSE OF ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY.

2. DA RIN PLACED GREATEST EMPHASIS ON THIS LAST POINT. HE SAID ITALY SHARED US CONCERN THAT EUROPE IN ITS SEARCH FOR IDENTITY AND UNIFICATION MUST NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF FACT THAT ITS POLICIES SHOULD ALWAYS BE CONDITIONED BY ITS BOND WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHILE WE MIGHT NOT ALWAYS AGREE, DA RIN ADDED, WE SHOULD ADDRESS
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